



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
Administration**

Commercial Space Transportation
800 Independence Ave., SW.
Washington, DC 20591

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Dear Lunar Lander Competitors,

On June 9, 2008, the X PRIZE Foundation announced that the 2008 Lunar Lander Challenge (LLC) will take place at Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, New Mexico on October 24-25, 2008. The purpose of this special notice is to inform potential competitors that the launch operations as described in the LLC rules are regulated under the authority of the FAA Office of Commercial Space Transportation.

The most common type of FAA authorization sought for the LLC is the experimental permit. The FAA's statutory review period for an experimental permit is 120 days, plus 30 days to comply with financial responsibility regulations. Therefore, permit applicants should submit a complete enough application 150 days before their first launch. In addition, an applicant must allow time for pre-application consultation. If you are a new applicant, please contact the AST-100 Division Manager at (202) 267-7859, to begin pre-application consultation. For a permit application not timely submitted, the FAA will strive to make, but cannot guarantee, a permit determination prior to the LLC competition.

In order to facilitate the most efficient processing of your experimental permit application, it is of the utmost importance to respond in a timely manner to requests for additional information. For that reason, the FAA encourages you to maintain open and frequent communication with your established FAA point of contact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stewart W. Jackson".

Stewart W. Jackson
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